

# Welcome!

We have put together a fabulous season this year, with music from mediaeval to modern, from string quartet to brass ensemble.

To launch it, we welcome players from the stunning **Chineke!** The brainchild of renowned bassist, educator, and activist Chi-chi Nwanoku OBE, Chineke! is Europe's first black and minority ethnic orchestra. A sell-out debut at the South Bank and an amazing Prom in August 2017 were followed by the reopening concert of the QEH in April 2018. Here Chi-chi brings us an exceptional chamber group to play Beethoven's beautiful *Septet* and more.

Our **Christmas concert** features the beautiful playing of harpist Ruth Wall, on concert harp, wire strung harp and the extraordinary bray harp. Join us for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!

When I heard **Septura Brass** on Radio 3 I was immediately bowled over - and I think you will be too. With stunning musicianship, this group represents the highest level of British brass playing today.

The **Maxwells** are a bit special. Their youth and enthusiasm are infectious, but their understanding of the repertoire is mature and considered. We hope you'll like them as much as we do.

Violinist **Tasmin Little** needs no introduction: her concert is sure to be worth the season ticket price on its own. In the event of a sell-out, a season ticket will guarantee you a seat: others may not be so lucky!

Five fabulous concerts - do join us!

*Warmest wishes,*

*Dilys*



Dilys Benson, Artistic Director

# Tickets

**Membership subscription:**

**Five superb concerts for £75**

**Mini-Season: Three for £50**

**Tickets on the door/online:**

**Each concert, just £20** (adults)

**Under 25 year olds:**

**FREE!**

Subject to availability on the night. ID may be requested.

Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

**How to book:**

\* **BY POST:** TMC Box Office,

13 The Ridgeway,

Tonbridge, TN10 4NQ

Cheques payable to: Tonbridge Music Club


\* **ONLINE:** [www.tmc.org.uk](http://www.tmc.org.uk)


\* **IN PERSON:** from Country Garden,

191 High St, Tonbridge, TN9 1BX

*More information and booking forms:*

**[www.tmc.org.uk](http://www.tmc.org.uk)**

 [@tonbridgemusicclub](https://www.facebook.com/tonbridgemusicclub)

 [@tmc\\_tonbridge](https://twitter.com/tmc_tonbridge)

TMC will do its best to deliver the programme as advertised but we reserve the right to make changes in the event of unforeseen circumstances

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Beautiful music in Tonbridge



# Classical Concerts

2018-9

Outstanding

musicians right here

in West Kent

**Tonbridge Music Club**

Sat 20 October 2018 Tonbridge Parish Church 7.30pm

## Chineke! Chamber Ensemble

with Chi-chi Nwanoku OBE

*Beethoven Septet and more!*



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### Extras!

#### For Brass Players:

Sat 9 February 2019 Tonbridge Parish Church

#### Septura Brass Ensemble

3-4pm: Brass Workshop, adults £5, under-25 free, (both participants and audience). Keep an eye out for further details on [www.tmc.org.uk](http://www.tmc.org.uk)

#### For Children:

Sat 16 March 2019 Tonbridge Parish Church

#### Maxwell String Quartet

3-4pm: Children's Concert, age 7-13 free, adults £5.

*How does a string quartet work? The Maxwell will show you! They'll play some short pieces, discuss the music and how they play it, and invite you to engage in your own musical ideas.*

Sat 1 December 2018 Tonbridge Parish Church 6pm

## Ruth Wall, Graham Fitkin

### *The Three Harps of Christmas*

*Mince pies, mulled wine - and meet the artists after!*

Here's a festive treat! Harpist Ruth Wall and composer Graham Fitkin join us for a candlelit programme of carols and more, artfully arranged for various harps. Just the thing to get your Christmas season off to a stunning start.

**NB: Concert starts at 6pm!**



Yes, harpists: we confess - we reversed the cover picture for design reasons.

Sat 9 February 2019 Tonbridge Parish Church 7.30pm

## Septura Brass Ensemble

### *Re-casting Brass*



One listen will make you instant fans of Septura - an amazing brass septet playing popular favourites and new commissions. The members are principals in the LSO, Philharmonia, RPO, and BBCSO - and the level of musicianship is sky-high. Don't miss!

***"The standard is absolutely higher than brass playing has ever been before" - Alison Balsom***

Sat 16 March 2019 Tonbridge Parish Church 7.30pm

## Maxwell String Quartet

### *Haydn, Schubert, Fauré*



Three Scots and a Sassenach, the Maxwells are an exciting new find. Their amazing sensitivity, spell-binding pianissimos and youthful sparkle enliven *Haydn Op71 no.3*, *Schubert's Death and The Maiden*, the glorious *Fauré* quartet - and a surprising finale!

Sat 4 May 2019 Big School, Tonbridge School, 7.30pm

## Tasmin Little (violin)

## Andrey Gugnin (piano)

*Vaughan Williams 'The Lark Ascending'*  
*Brahms, Prokofiev, Strauss, Szymanowski*

6.15pm: pre-concert talk with Tasmin & Andrey, FREE



Tasmin Little learned to read music aged six on a recorder her mother gave her. Since switching to violin, she has been a finalist in the string section of *BBC Young Musician of the Year*, played regularly at the Proms, released innumerable albums, and won hearts wherever she has gone.

This concert is sure to sell out. **Book early!**